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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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SUBJ: MINTOFF VISIT TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA

1. GOM'S PERIPATETIC PRIME MINISTER IS OFF AGAIN, THIS TIME TO CAIRO AND JIDDA, VIA ROME. THE MALTESE DELEGATION LEFT MAY 29 AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON JUNE 1.

2. MINTOFF IS ACCOMPANIED BY GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL, DR. EDGAR MIZZI, GEORGE BORG CARDONA OF THE GOM MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, AND JOE CAMILLERI, MINTOFF'S PRIVATE SECRETARY. ALL THREE ARE CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES WHO FREQUENTLY TRAVEL WITH MINTOFF ON HIS OFFICIAL TRIPS ABROAD.

3. THIS IS MINTOFF'S SECOND VISIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR. REPORTED PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS TO DISCUSS COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC PROJECTS RELATED TO OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. THE LATE
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MILLION INTEREST-FREE LOAN IN 1974, WHICH MINTOFF HAS ANNOUNCED WILL BE USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MALTA'SSHIP REPAIR FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, MALTA PLANS TO OPEN A MALTA DRYDOCKS OFFICE IN THE PORT TAUFUQ AREA TO SOLICIT BUSINESS FROM CANAL USERS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM INFO ADDRESSEES CONCERNING RESULTS OF MINTOFF TRIP.WIGGINS

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